

## SS SB 306 -- MILITARY FAMILY MEMBERS

### SCHOOL REGISTRATION

This bill allows a member of the military to remotely register his or her children for school instead of demonstrating physical presence if the parent has orders relocating him or her to the state of Missouri. The bill does not require proof of residency for the purpose of registration, but proof of residency is required within 10 days of the student's attendance in the school district (Section 167.020, RSMo).

### MISSOURI RETURNING HEROES ACT

Currently, the Missouri Returning Heroes Act caps undergraduate tuition at \$50 per credit hour before federal and state aid for combat veterans that served after September 11, 2001, and were residents of Missouri before entering service, at public institutions of higher education, for 10 years after an honorable discharge.

This bill expands the act to include combat veterans that served prior to September 11, 2001 and are eligible to register to vote in Missouri, registered to vote in Missouri, or are current Missouri residents.

Additionally, this bill would place a cap of 30% on tuition and fees for qualified combat veterans pursuing graduate degrees, but not professional degrees, for a period of 20 years after an honorable discharge.

The bill also makes it so the cap may be applied before all federal and state aid is applied to tuition, at the combat veteran's discretion.

Finally, this bill defines how a combat veteran can show his or her combat service for the purpose of using the Missouri Returning Heroes Act (Section 173.900).

### VETERAN'S SURVIVOR GRANT PROGRAM

Currently, the Veteran's Survivors Grant Program sunsets on August 28, 2020. The program provides higher education financial aid grants to survivors of qualified military members. This bill removes the sunset clause (Section 173.234).

### IN-STATE TUITION

This bill specifies that the determination of eligibility for in-

state tuition at public institutions of higher education for dependents of military members stationed in Missouri shall be made at the time the dependent is accepted for admission at the institution (Section 173.1155).